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1. A method of controlling a telephone system for communication between a fixed network and a moveable network, the system having means for suspending operation of the moveable network, wherein when operation of the moveable network is suspended a control signal is transmitted to the fixed network, causing the fixed network to intercept calls directed to the moveable network.
2. A method according to claim 1, wherein a further control signal is transmitted when operation of the moveable network is resumed, causing the fixed network to cease to intercept calls.
3. Method according to claim 2, wherein the fixed system stores details of call attempts made during the period of suspension, and on resumption of service transmits an alert signal to any user to whom such a call attempt has been made.
4. A moveable telephone network for use on board a vehicle for communication with a fixed network, the moveable network having means for suspending operation of the moveable network, and means for sending a control signal to the fixed network when such suspension occurs to cause the fixed network to intercept calls directed to the moveable network
5. A telephone system according to claim 4, further comprising means for transmitting a further control signal to the fixed network when operation of the moveable network is resumed, causing the fixed network to cease to intercept calls.
6. A telephone system forming part of a fixed network for communication with a moveable telecommunications network, comprising means for receiving a control signal from the moveable network indicative of suspension of operation of the moveable network, and means responsive to such control signal to intercept calls directed to the moveable network.

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7. A telephone system according to claim 6, comprising means for receiving a further control signal indicative of resumption of operation of the moveable network is resumed, and means responsive to such control signal to cause the fixed network to forward calls directed to the moveable network.

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8. Telephone system according to claim 7, having means for storing details of call attempts made during the period of suspension of operation of the moveable network, and means responsive to the further control signal for transmitting an alert signal to any user to whom such a call attempt has been made.

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